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# 1. Association pour la protection de la nature et de l'environnement*

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**Abstract**

The report summarizes the contributions of APNEK (Association for the Protection of Nature and the Environment) to the realization of the purposes and principles of the United Nations during the period 1997-2000. It notes participation in meetings and conferences of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification (INCD), Conferences of Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification, UNESCO Intergovernmental Conference on Environmental Education and international experts meeting on environmental education.

It also lists workshops and meetings organized in Kairovan and Tunis on a wide range of issues such as globalization, the right to participation, the right of children to sustainable development, the combat against desertification, water, solidarity and peace. All those activities were supported and strengthened by partnerships (temporary or long term) with the secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (Tunis and Morocco), and the United Nations Information Centre in Tunis; men and women, young people and children participated in those events.

1. Introduction: The mission of APNEK is to promote protection of the environment and participate in national, regional and international sustainable development efforts. It is a non-governmental organization which is both an advocacy group and active in the field; its strategy revolves around three axes: information and communication, awareness and education, action and field work. Since 1977 it has been a member of the MED Forum (Barcelona), the network of Mediterranean environmental and sustainable development non-governmental organizations established in 1995. It currently holds the Vice-Chairmanship of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE, Athens), another federation of Mediterranean non-governmental organizations established in 1991, and the Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED, Cairo).

2. Organized the international workshop "Partners against Desertification", March 1996. Participated in: United Nations Habitat II Conference, Istanbul, June 1996; Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification (INCD) Nos. 3 and 4; Conference of Parties 1, 2 and 3 (1996-1998); UNESCO Conference on Education for Sustainability, held in Thessalonika, Greece, from 8 to 12 December 1997; UNESCO international experts meeting on environmental education (Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 21-25 November 2000); meetings of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) (in the context of the UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan),

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1996-1999; meeting of North African environment and development non-governmental organizations, UNDP, held in Tunis, from 28 to 30 April 1998.

3. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies: partnership with UNDP (project to launch the Maghreb non-governmental organization network for sustainable development (MAGNET) in 1998); United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) (11 January 1998, 24 October 1998, 7 July 2000, 16 December 2000) organization of meetings on children and sustainable development and the United Nations and the combat against desertification; Regional Activity Centre for Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas (UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan); fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, March 2000.

Other relevant activities:

- Capacity-building project for new information and communications technologies: in 1999 APNEK initiated a continuing training programme in new communications technologies (computers and internet) in the context of environmental protection, sustainable development and the United Nations in conjunction with the Global Environment Facility (GEF)/UNDP microfinancing programme, the UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan and the United Nations Information Centre in Tunis. The project is designed for the Executive Committee of APNEK as well as secondary school students (both boys and girls).

## 2. International Association against Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking*

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Main IAADAT activities are:

- Drug abuse prevention, increasing the initiatives of different organizations and citizens in counteracting drug abuse distribution;
- Participation in creation of rehabilitation consultative centers in addition to state centers and also services rendering psychological, medical, legal and organizational assistance to drug addicts in their treatment and social rehabilitation;
- Participation in scientific research concerning the area of prevention and treatment, participation in program development counteracting illicit drug traffic and relevant legal documents, training, retraining and probation period of personnel on different directions of antidrug activity; Cooperation with state and international organizations in counteracting drug addiction and drug trafficking on the national, regional and international level;
- 1137 IAADAT members are representatives of 37 states including Austria, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Byelorussia, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Georgia, India, Spain, Italy, Kazakhstan, Cyprus, Kirghizia, China, Latvia, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Russia, Serbia, USA, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, France, Estonia, Yugoslavia, Japan;

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- IAADAT is an associative member of the UN Department of Public Information (DPI);
- Member of Vienna International Commi..ee / Vienna International Centre;
- Real member of the International Council on alcoholism and addictions (ICAA)/Switzerland;
- International Federation of non-governmental organizations (IFNGO)/ INFGO Secretariat;
- Observer status in the Committee at the General Secretariat of International Police Organization (INTERPOL).

IAADAT President participated in the work of the following events:

- International conference in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) (December, 1997);
- XX Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly to consider the fight against the illicit production, sale, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (New York, 8-10 June 1998);
- "24th European meeting of Heads of National Drug Services" organized by Interpol in April-May 1998 (Paris, Lyon, France);
- Annual meetings of UNDCP (Vienna, Austria) in 1998, 1999.

IAADAT representatives took part in the following events:

- Conference on drug addiction prevention (South Carolina, USA)(June 1998);
- International Forum "Peace - women -- Russia - Moscow" (Moscow, Russia (March 1997);
- Conferences "Trade Unions and practice of alcoholic and drug prevention in Central and Eastern Europe (Budapest, Hungary) (July 1998);
- Symposium on epidemiology and social matters (Keykjavik, Iceland) (June 1997).

In 1997-1998 IAADAT realized 4 projects:

i. Monitoring of drug situation in CIS;

ii. Prevention program "Family team" together with Minnesota University (USA);

iii. Within UN International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) and International Labour Organization (ILO) project "Mobilization of enterprises and working people to prevent psychotropic substances use in Central and Eastern Europe";

iv. Russian-American project "Partners in prevention".

IAADAT organized and held:

- In 1997 with the help of INTERPOL International conference "Interaction of state and society in social problems resolution connected with illegal traffic of drugs" (Moscow, Russia);

- International competition "XXI century without drugs" (1998);
- International conference together with representatives from Baltic States "XXI century without drugs" in June 1998 (Saint Petersburg, Russia);
- World Anti-Drug Congress "XXI century without drugs" in June 1999 (Moscow, Russia);
- Intergovernmental symposium concerning drug addiction prevention in Russia and CIS countries in June 2000 (Moscow, Russia).

IAADAT representatives actively participated in preparation and holding the following TV shows on anti-drug topic: "Tema", "Perekryostok", Sud idet", "Mig"

IAADAT edited:

- Experimental issues of paper "INTERPOL bulletin";
- Review" Our sight to drug situation in Russia and other CIS countries";
- Range of scientific-methodical literature.

During the period Russian drug line was working (trust line) for rendering medical psychological help to drug addicts and their relatives. More than 4000 people were consulted.

During the report period a range of representatives of organizations from different countries which give enormous personal contribution to the fight against drug addiction, alcoholism and other harmful occurrences, were presented with the Order of "Triphon, the Saint Martyr" established by the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church & the initiative of IAADAT. Among them are:

- Raymond Kendall, Secretary General of INTERPOL;
- G. Emblend, Program director, World Health Organization (WHO);
- A.N. Sergeev, general-lieutenant of militia, the head of Drug Control Department of the Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation;
- Dato' Haji Mustapha Ma, Honorary Secretary;
- E.A. Babayan, academician, Doctor of Medicine, a member of the International Drug Control Committee.

## 3. International Union of Architects*

### (Special consultative status granted in 1949)

1. INTRODUCTION

Organization aims and purposes: To unite the architects of the world on a democratic basis and represent them at international and governmental levels. To ensure the continued development of professional methods while respecting the

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specificity of different communities and to aid in the sustainable development of the built environment.

Increase of Geographical membership: 9 new Member Sections have been admitted to the UIA by the XXI General Assembly (Beijing, 1999): Armenia, Cameroon, Netherlands Antilles, Mongolia, Palestine, PDR Of Korea, Uganda, South Africa, Tanzania.

2. CONTRIBUTION OF THE UIA TO THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS

**a/ Participation in the Economic and Social Council:** Participation of our permanent representative in Geneva, Mr. Alain Viaro:

1.5.1997 Geneva, *Urban governance Workshop,* UNCHS, Maison de l'Habitat

*2-6.6. 1997* Geneva, *Inter-Municipality Workshop,* UNCHS, Maison de l'Habitat

13.10.1997 Geneva, moderator of the Round table *Culture of place and future cities,* World Habitat Day, Maison de l'Habitat

19.1.1998, Geneva, Seminar Design *meeting for UN Staff College Courses:* Courses on urbanization and development, UN-EIFOR (Equipes interdisciplinaires de Formation, operation et recherche of the Graduate Institute of Development Studies, University of Geneva) -EFE (UNITAR / wwww.unece.org), Maison de l'Habitat

27-29.4.1998, Geneva, Asian Development Bank, *Seminar on the development and management of cities: establishing networks and cooperation*

6-8.7.1998, Geneva, Internationale Conference *"La communaute des chercheurs pour l'Habitat Agenda: relier la recherche et la policy pour la durabilitd des établissements humains"*, Forum of Researchers on Human Settlements, CERFE - Association of Italian Researchers (www.gruppocerfe,org), Rome

*14.9.1998,* Geneva, *Comite des établissements humains de la CEE,* Palais des Nations

1998, Geneva, "The Development and Management of Cities: Establishing Networks and Cooperation"

I-5.12.1998, Turin, International Conference on the Follow-up to Habitat *II New partnership for Action,* IL0 Training Centre

*3-5.4.2000,* Geneva, *Conference mondiale des villes contre la pauvrete*

3-6.5.2000, Geneva, Annual Workshop ESF/N-AERUS-Network Association of European researchers (www.esf.naerus), on *"Cities of the South, sustainable for whom?"*

*23-27.6.2000,* Geneva, *Sommet social Nations Unies,* representant UIA

*18-20.9.2000,* Geneva, *Sixty-one session of the Committee on Human Settlements,* ECE

**b/ Cooperation with UN Bodies and specialized agencies:** UNESCO
Headquarters:

**Bilateral:**

*1996* 13th World Seminar and publication of "Spaces for Education for all"
IND

1997 Participation in the 29th session of the General Conference (Paris, UNESCO)
FRA

1997 Organisation of the international Contest on "Architecture and Poverty"
FRA

1997 World Seminar and publication of "Arts and Architecture, the essential spirit of Education and Culture" (Newcastle)
UK

1998 14th World Seminar and publication of "Cultural and Lifelong learning" (Cranbrook, Detroit)
USA

1999 Participation in the 30th session of the General Conference (Paris, UNESCO)
FRA

1999 World Seminar and publication of "Villes intermediaires et urbanisation mondiale" (Lleida)
SPA

1999 20th World Congress (Beijing)
CP

2000 Celebrations of the World Day of Architecture on "Architecture and Cultural Pluralism"
FRA

**Collective:**

1997 Participation in the International Conference of NGOs (Paris, UNESCO)
FRA

1998 Participation in the International Consultation of the World Conference on Higher Education
FRA

1998 Participation in the International Conference of NGOs (Paris, UNESCO)
FRA

1998 6e Consultation UNESCO/ONG - R. preparatoire de la Conf.Mondiale de l'Enseignement
FRA Supkrieur

1998 UNESCO - "intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development
SWE

**c/ Other relevant activities:**

1998 N/U/-36th session - Commission for Social Development
USA

1999 Participation in the International Consultation of the International NGO
KOR Forum on Technical and Vocational Education

2000 N.U. *Réunion d'experts de l'UNCTAD-Conférence des Nations Unies sur le Commerce et le Développement*
SWI *"Experiences nationales concernant la règlementation et la libéralisation: examples dans le secteur des Services de la Construction et leur contribution au Développement dans les pays en développement*

2000 UN Special Session for Istanbul + 5 (Nairobi)
KEN

2000 Participation in the Urban 21 Professional Forum (Berlin, N.U)
GER

2000 *First Substantive Session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly - UNCHS*
KEN *(Habitat) Commission on Human Settlements*

3. UIA ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS RELATED TO UN PROGRAMMES:

- INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES OF THE UIA WORK PROGRAMMES GATHERING EXPERTS IN TOWN PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH UNEP, PUBLIC HEALTH WITH WHO, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SPACES WITH UNESCO, ETC
- TRIENNIAL WORLD CONGRESSES OF ARCHITECTS ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED FIELDS
  - *(BEIJING 1999 ON ARCHITECTURE OF THE XXITH CENTURY)*
  - *UIA* NEWSLETTER - 6 ISSUES PER YEAR (ENGLISH AND FRENCH) - ADDRESSED TO UIA MEMBER SECTIONS REPRESENTING ABOUT 1,000,000 ARCHITECTS IN THE WORLD AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS RELATED TO THE FIELDS MENTIONED ABOVE
- INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION *ON ARCHITECTURE AND POVERTY*, 1999. REF. TO THE UN
  - DECADE 1997-2006- PROJECTS PUBLISHED - (see publication)
- UIA COMMISSION *ON ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION* - IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNESCO
  - PRODUCED THE *UNESCO-UIA CHARTER FOR ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION*

4. MAIN AREAS OF INTEREST

**The main issues, linked to the U.N. fields of interest, and developed by the UIA Working Bodies are**

- EDUCATION
- ENVIRONMENT
- HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
- POVERTY ISSUES
- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- PUBLIC HEALTH
- EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SPACES
- ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE
- HABITAT

## 4. National Association of Cuban Economists*

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1. ANEC is a Cuban Non Governmental Organization, founded on June 14th, 1979; its structure is formed by a National Committee elected in Congresses celebrated every 5 years composed by 75 Members, a National Executive Council and Provincial Committees in 14 territories, and also 170 Committees in Municipalities and 2350 Basic Sections which group more than 39829 Members Associates.

Our Institution count on 9 Scientific Societies grouping their Members according to their specialties and professional interests. Fully self funded, members pay a monthly minimum fee. ANEC also offers services on technical, economic and accounting advice through CANEC (Consultoria de Servicios Economicos de la Asociacion National de Economistas de Cuba), its Consulting Enterprise counting more than 900 Expert Consultants, (of which 80% are retired personnel). This enterprise contributes with the necessary financial resources for developing its activities. Among its main objectives are: to promote professional self-improvement and to increase the knowledge of all workers involved in the economic field, to offer to institutions concerned all kinds of consulting, training and technical assistance on economic matters, to establish and maintain relations with professional and international institutions involved with Economic Sciences, participating, in particular, in Working Groups of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

ANEC publishes the bimonthly graphic newspaper "El Economista", printing 20 thousand copies, and the weekly electronic newspaper 'Economista" at the website: http://www.eleconomista.cubaweb.cu, Also ANEC publishes "Economia y

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Desarrollo" and "Logistica" Reviews, in coordination with The University of Havana. ANEC also owns a Post-Graduate and Self-Improvement Studies Center endorsed with University Degree.

ANEC is Member of The Latin American and Caribbean Economists Association (AEALC), The Caribbean Economists Association (AEC), The Costs International Institute, The International Economists Association, The Internal Audits Latin American Federation, The Latin American Agricultural Studies Association (LASA). Among the numerous scientific events sponsored by ANEC are The International Meeting of Economists on Globalization and Development Problems, yearly attended by Economists from more than 50 countries, and bodies and specialized agencies of United Nations. ANEC will host the Eighth Congress of The Latin American and Caribbean Economists Association (AEALC) in the next year 2002.

2. ANEC has participated in several ECOSOC activities, among them:

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| July 1999 | Substantive Period of United Nations Economic and Social Council. Geneva, July 5th, 1999. the Paper "Employment, Work, Eradicating Poverty. Three Variables in Human Development" was presented. |
| December 1999 | Civil Society World Conference (December 7-11). The Paper "Creating Associations for Global Governance" was presented. |
| May 2000 | Millennium Forum (May 22-26). A Paper elaborated by all Cuban and international NGOs located in Cuba was presented. |
| June 2000 | Extraordinary Sessions of The General Assembly (Geneva, June 26-30) concerning the Applications of Outcomes from The Social Development World Summit and Studies for Further Initiatives. A Paper, guided by ANEC and developed by all Cuban and International NGOs located in Cuba, was presented. |
| November 2000 | NGOs Audience on Financing for Development. We attended Meetings in New York from November 6-9. |
| February 2001 | Preparatory Committee of The High Level Inter-Governmental Meeting on Financing for Development. (February 12-23). A statement on Theme No.5 related to Systematic Analysis was made. |
| May 2001 | Preparatory Committee of The High Level Inter-Governmental Meeting. Two Papers: "The HIPC's Initiative for Reducing the Debt" and "The New International Financial Architecture", were introduced as a contribution. (May 2-8). |

At present, ANEC is preparing the introduction of 4 Papers as contributions for The Preparatory Committee on Financing for development, which will be held on next October, and is also preparing another paper on food security, which will be introduced at the Rome Summit. In addition, ANEC coordinates with ECOSOC the introduction of the Document who was approved by The Preparatory Committee about Financing The Development, at the next Meeting on Globalization.

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1997 Organized a Workshop on Food Security in cooperation with FAO.

1999 Admission to the United Nations Cuban Association and systematic cooperation with its Economic Commission.

1999-2000-2001 Co-ordination with FAO, UNDP, UNESCO, WHO, PAHO, ECOSOC, UNCLAD and WB, for yearly celebration in Cuba of International Meetings of Economists on Globalization and Development Problems. All these specialized agencies of the United Nations have participated and introduced their contributions.

2000 Work Agreement with UNDP for the development of Technical and Professional Teaching in Cuba.

(I) We were working unflaggingly in Cuba, in co-ordination with The Government and national and international NGOs located in Cuba, for the application of agreements issued from The Social Development World Summit, and its outcomes were reported to United Nations Organization.

(II) We have worked, in co-operation with Officials from United Nations Secretariat, for their participation at the International Meetings of Economists on Globalization and Development Problems, which are held annually in Cuba.

(III) We have coordinated with The World Bank, the introduction at The Third International Meeting on Globalization and Development Problems held in Cuba, of the Book titled "Towards Economic Security in a Global Age", prepared by The World Bank".

(IV) July 2000 We have participated in the International Seminar "The New Millennium, Peace and International Security", sponsored by The United Nations Cuban Association, in co-ordination with the United Nations. The Paper "Development Challenges Facing International Globalization" was introduced.

## 5. National Society for Human Rights*

### (Special consultative status granted in 1997)

1. Brief Introductory Statement

RECOGNIZING that the international community has affirmed a strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights, the furtherance of humanitarian principles and peace and security;

WELCOMING that the Namibian Constitution contains a Bill of Rights entirely based on the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR);

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NOW THEREFORE, we, as concerned Namibia have resolved to found a human rights organization known as national society for Human rights (NSHR) in order to carry out inter alia the following objectives:

- advocate strict observance of human rights and the rule of law
- peace and security through peaceful conflict resolution mechanisms
- enhance disarmament for sustainable human development
- provide humanitarian assistance for the needy.

NSHR has at present between 500 and 1,000 individual members.

2. Participation in ECOSOC Activities

On April 14, 1997, NSHR published and submitted its Shadow Report: Status of the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in the Republic of Namibia, to the UN Committee Against Torture.

3. Cooperation with UN Bodies & Specialized Agencies

In 1998 NSHR, implemented the Third Phase of its Civil Rights Education Program [CREPIII], featuring compilation and distribution, in four major locally-spoken languages, of 80 000 illustrated booklets on human rights and fundamental freedoms as enumerated in the UPHR.

Since 1998, NSHR has been a member of Namibia National Commission for UNESCO (called NATCOM) whose aim is to introduce human rights and democracy education in Namibia's schools, colleges and other institutions of tertiary education.

As a leading member of PARINAC (Partners-in-Action for Refugee Work) under the aegis of UNHCR in Namibia, NSHR actively participated in the February 2000 conference on the protection of African refugees held in Nairobi, Kenya.

In 1998, at the request of the Windhoek-based United Nations information Center (UNIC), NSHR translated and distributed, free of charge, the Convention against Torture into Oshiwambo language. Since 1997 the Organization widely distributed, inter alia, the following UN publications: Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice; Human Rights: The International Bill of Rights; Basic Facts About United Nations an4 A Vision of Hope: The Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations.

4. Other Related Activities

(i) During the period under review, NSHR constantly urged Namibian security forces to strictly observe the provisions of the Geneva Conventions and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1265 (1999) on the protections of civilians in armed conflicts along the northern border as well as in Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

(ii) On August 14, 2000 NSHR held an hour-long consultation with Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, Special Advisor on Africa to the United Nations Secretary General on the spill-over into Namibia and Zambia of the Angolan conflict.

(iii) Between December 1999 and March 2000, NSHR supplied information telephonically and by e-mail to, among others, Ralph Waddey and Michael Offermann of the Human Rights Division of the UN Office in Angola (UNOA), about reports of widespread human rights abuses along Namibia's northeastern frontier.

(iv) Between December 1999 and March 2000, NSHR held consultations and cooperated with the Pretoria-based Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees on field investigations relating to the deteriorating human rights, humanitarian and security situation along Namibia's northeastern frontier. Cooperation in this regard is ongoing.

Every year, NSHR participates and assists in the coordination of activities surrounding, inter alia; International Human Rights Day; International Day of Tolerance and the UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.

## 6. ORBICOM — Réseau des chaires UNESCO en communications*

### (General consultative status granted in 1997)

Established in 1994 by UNESCO and the University of Québec a Montréal (UQAM), ORBICOM is an association regulated by the laws of the province of Quebec, Canada, regarding non-profit organizations. The association has three categories of voting members: ex-officio members, full members and associate members; and three categories of persons who have links to ORBICOM but no voting rights: contributing members, experts and honorary members. The voting members as a whole constitute the Assembly. The network is headed by a Board of Directors made up of 15 members: six full members, six associate members and three ex-officio members. All members of the Board have the right to vote and are elected at the Assembly. ORBICOM's membership includes 27 UNESCO chairs in communications and 250 associate members in 63 countries.

**Mission**

ORBICOM promotes UNESCO's values and goals; its mission is to develop multinational, multidisciplinary and multilingual projects and initiatives for activities and research in: (a) development and international, intercultural and transcultural communication; multilateral and bilateral aid policies; multiple forms of international communication for economic and social development; (b) professional training in communications; (c) communications ethics and law; (d) national communications and information policies; (e) organizational/institutional communication; (f) media development and/or management; (g) public affairs and public relations; (h) advertising; (i) access to new technologies and the use thereof.

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**Activities 1997-2004**

1997

1. Info-ethics

Participation in the first UNESCO Info-ethics Conference, held in Monte Carlo from 10 to 12 March 1997.

2. Canadian Commission for UNESCO

Included on the listserv of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

3. International Public Relations Association (IPRA)

Participation in the XIV IPRA World Congress held in Helsinki on 18 June 1997.

4. Global Knowledge 1997

Participation in the Global Knowledge for Development in the Information Age Conference held in Toronto from 22 to 27 June 1997, organized by the World Bank and the Government of Canada with the support of ORBICOM.

5. NAFTA/MERCOSUR-INTERCOM 97

Participated in the NAFTA/MERCOSUR-INTERCOM 97 Meeting, August 1997.

6. International Institute of Communications (IIC)/Hoso-Bunka Foundation

Participation in the Sydney International Meeting (IIC and Hoso-Bunka Foundation), represented by Ms. Hélène Molnar. ORBICOM associate Mr. Armstrong chaired the Foundation meeting (September 1997).

1998

1. Visit by the President of ORBICOM

Mr. Rainer Von Schilling visited the secretariat in January to assist in planning the conference on the theme "New Deficit of the Information Highways and Knowledge Society".

2. Research in preparation for "Freedom of Expression"

Sylvie Coudray of UNESCO's Division for Freedom of Expression, Democracy and Peace visited the secretariat in March to discuss the table of contents of "New Information and Communication Technologies and Freedom of Expression".

3. Discussion of the multimedia needs of teachers in Côte d'Ivoire

The Minister of Communications of Côte d'Ivoire, Danièle Boni Claverie, accompanied by the Director of the Institute of Communications Science and Technology, Balet Koudougnon, while visiting Montreal in March, discussed the multimedia training needs of teachers in their country with ORBICOM representatives.

4. Preparation of the Connecting Knowledge Conference

Preparation of the international conference held in Montreal from 14 to 17 April 1999.

1999

"Connecting Knowledge in Communications" Conference

ORBICOM organized an international conference on "Connecting Knowledge in Communications" from 14 to 17 April 1999, in Montreal, Canada. It brought together communications specialists from 54 countries. Twenty-four speakers representing the media, universities, the multilateral sector and industry made presentations to the 300 participants. At the end of the conference, the participants unanimously endorsed an action plan committing ORBICOM, the organizer and host of the event, to undertake specific projects for concrete action in response to the issues raised at the conference.

Case studies

Following the conference, the secretariat published the first case study in the ORBICOM Collection: "The Paradoxes of Productivity" by Hadj Benhayia.

Preparation of a television series in follow-up to the conference: The ORBICOM Meetings

In 1999-2000, following the Conference on "Connecting Knowledge: Bridging the Gap between Training and Employment in Communication", ORBICOM produced four half-hour television programmes and a one-hour overview programme. The programmes are part of the ORBICOM Meetings series, which currently includes more than 18 programmes.

Status of telecommunications research

In follow-up to the Conference, the Catholic University of Uruguay and the Vice-President of the National Research Council of Canada collaborated in a video conference between Montevideo and Ottawa on the theme "Status of telecommunications research".

2000

1. Meeting between the ORBICOM secretariat and the Director General of UNESCO in Ottawa, Canada, on 2 March 2000

Mr. Claude-Yves Charron and Ms. Thérèse Pacquet-Sévigny had the honour of meeting Mr. Matsuura at the Canadian Parliament. Ms. Pacquet-Sévigny also had a number of meetings at the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Office for Project Services in New York, and at UNESCO in Paris, in the spring, when Mr. Charron was chairing a regional workshop on communications training in Conakry, Guinea, at the request of one of the associate members.

2. Negotiation with Montreal International and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada for the one-year secondment of a senior diplomat as ambassador-in-residence at ORBICOM's international secretariat

The Canadian Government agreed to appoint Mr. Pierre Giguère as ambassador-in-residence at the international secretariat for one year, beginning in July 2000.

3. Participation in international conferences

Several members of ORBICOM participated in the Global Knowledge II Conference held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 7 to 10 March 2000, in accordance with the action plan adopted at the Montreal conference in 1999. ORBICOM's 240 members were also very involved in a great number of international conferences, such as the conference organized by the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) in Singapore in July 2000 or the conference on "Challenges for Public Broadcasting in Africa" held in Morocco.

4. Involvement with the Global Knowledge Partnership

ORBICOM has been very active in the Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP) since its establishment. Some of ORBICOM's associate members, working with UNESCO, UNDP and the Institut International de Communication and elsewhere are involved in the partnership's informal management structure.

5. UNESCO international consultation meeting with the chairholders

On 11 and 12 July 2000, the UNESCO international consultation meeting with the chairholders, held at the Iberoamerican University in Mexico, identified priority projects for new information and communications technology. The consultation meeting was followed by a meeting of the enlarged Executive Committee.

**Publications**

ORBICOM Forum

ORBICOM Forum, the network's biannual trilingual information bulletin, was first published in spring 1997, followed by 12 other editions up to autumn 2002.

1997

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- Global Knowledge 1997 — Knowledge for Development in the Information Age (also published in French)

Thérèse Paquet-Sévigny

- Convergence of visions: A Condition for Effective Partnership in a Multilateral and Multicultural Environment

1998

Orbicom

- Freedom of Expression and New Communication Technologies (also published in French)

Jamal Eddine Naji

– Éclairage ORBICOM sur Liberté d'expression et nouvelles technologies

Thérèse Paquet-Sévigny

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1999

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– New Partnerships in Communications for the Twenty-first Century: Strategies for Governance, Technology, Employment and Lifelong Learning (1999) (also published in French and Spanish)

**Proceedings of the "Connecting Knowledge in Communications" Conference**

The international secretariat published the proceedings of the conference in three languages and distributed them in autumn 1999 to more than 400 individuals and institutions worldwide.

2002

Orbicom

– Generating Trust in Online Business (also published in French)

Orbicom

– Monitoring the Digital Divide (Phase 1) (also published in French)

## 7. Organisation tunisienne de l'éducation et de la famille*

### (Special consultative status granted in 1997)

The report summarizes the contribution of the Organisation tunisienne de l'éducation et de la famille (OTEF) to the realization of the purposes and principles of the United Nations during the period 1997-2000 at the national and international levels, and lists OTEF participation in meetings and conferences of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies: meetings of the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, UNESCO Conference and international and regional expert meetings on environmental education in OTEF's capacity as a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council but also as a member of several Tunisian national, departmental and interdepartmental bodies, in particular the High Commission on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the Economic and Social Council. The report also describes workshops and meetings organized on issues such as the rights of children, sustainable development, solidarity and peace. All such activities were undertaken with the

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support of partners such as the United Nations Information Centre in Tunis and UNICEF.

1. In March 2001, at its eleventh congress, OTEF elected a new president and a new national Bureau of 30 members; its mission is to promote education and the family in the context of a sustainable human development process and to participate in national, regional and international efforts to achieve interdependent development based on education for human rights, peace and solidarity.

As a non-governmental organization which encompasses all the social, economic and cultural aspects of the individual, the family and society, OTEF follows an action plan centred on information and communication on the one hand and the elimination of exclusion and marginalization on the other, as well as the promotion of culture, solidarity, human rights and cooperation among peoples.

It is a member of the International Federation for Parent Education (IFPE) (Paris) and the World Family Organization (WFO) (Paris). It provides office space for the Arab Organization for the Family and acts as its secretariat.

2. In addition to active participation at the national level in various consultative bodies, OTEF has, since 1997, participated in various meetings including those of the Commission on Human Rights, the Committee against Torture and the Committee on Economic and Social Rights in Geneva.

It also participated in the Mediterranean meeting on the theme "Human Rights and Citizenship in the Mediterranean" on 15 April 1999 in Stuttgart, held in parallel with the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial meeting on follow-up to the Barcelona Conference; and in the meeting of non-governmental organizations dealing with family and education affairs organized in parallel with the Summit of the International Organization of la Francophonie in summer 1999 in Moncton, Canada.

OTEF was also represented at the African-European preparatory meeting (Algiers, February, 2000) and at the African-European Meeting held in April 2000 in Lisbon in parallel with the African-European summit.

At these meetings OTEF has always actively defended the principles and ideals which guide the action of the United Nations and all organizations and associations dedicated to peace, justice and solidarity in the world at the domestic and international levels.

3. OTEF works to maintain and strengthen cooperation and the exchange of information with United Nations representatives in Tunis and with the United Nations bodies in Geneva.

On 7 July 2000, in Tunis, it organized a national workshop on the role of non-governmental organizations in the promotion of peace, solidarity and sustainable development in collaboration with the United Nations Information Centre in Tunis and the Association for the Protection of Nature and the Environment, Kairouan (APNEK).

Report submitted on behalf of OTEF by Mr. Hatem Ben Othman, President

Tunis, 27 June 2001

# 8. World LPG Association*

## (Special consultative status granted in 1989)

### I. Introductory Statement

Established in 1987, the WLPGA has become the authoritative voice of the LP Gas Industry with a membership spanning the globe, covering 45 countries with 139 member organizations (international and national companies and trade associations) in 2002. It brings together private and public companies involved in the LP Gas industry, with the mission of promoting the use of LP Gas (Liquefied Petroleum Gas, LPG, Propane, Butane) as a clean, all-purpose and efficient source of energy generating economic growth and improving the environment and quality of life. Playing an important role as modern energy, LP Gas is an increasingly essential component of sustainable development in both industrialised and developing countries. By building strong partnerships and implementing joint projects with international agencies, the WLPGA continuously seeks new partners to grow the use of LP Gas and help countries make the transition to a more sustainable energy future.

(i) **Increase in geographical membership**

From 110 member organisations in 35 countries in 1997 to 139 member organisations in 45 countries in 2002 (Annex I - Geographical breakdown of WLPGA Membership).

(ii) **Substantial changes in sources of funding**

All funding comes from member organisations' annual fees. The Association created a 100% subsidiary SARL WLPGC in 1998, in charge of organising the annual World LP Gas Forum (1997 Buenos Aires; 1998 Rome; 1999 New Delhi; 2000 San Diego; 2001 Paris; 2002 Bangkok) and disseminating WLPGA publications.

### II. WLPGA Information Programme

The WLPGA implements global projects designed to educate and demonstrate to decisionmakers the beneficial qualities of LP Gas. Projects range from coordinating economic and policy studies, supporting research and development, organising global events, participating in international conferences to developing a web site as a focal point of exchange of information covering all aspects of LP Gas industry besides international development programmes. A list of WLPGA publications is attached to this report (Annex I).

### III. World LY Gas Forum

Organised by the WLPGA, the World LP Gas Forum is the premier global conference & exhibition on LP Gas, gathering every year over 400 top executives of LP Gas industry, besides senior government officials and representatives of international agencies including UN bodies, in order to promote strong international exchange among all parties concerned with LP Gas.

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- 10th World LP Gas Forum, 1997, Buenos Aires - Participation of UNEP representative as speaker

- 11th World LP Gas Forum, 1998, Rome - Participation of a senior UNEP officer as keynote speaker and a UNIDO representative as speaker and panellist

- 12th World LP Gas Association, 1999, New Delhi - Participation of UNEP and IMO officers

- 14th World LP Gas Forum, 2OOi, Paris - Participation of UNLP and WORLD BANK representatives as speaker

- 15th World LP Gas Forum, 2002, Bangkok - Participation of UNDP representative as keynote speaker

**IV. Co-operation with G'S hodies and specialised agencies**

(i) Official Consultative / Observer status with UNFCCC, UNIDO and UNECE

(ii) Co-operation with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), World Energy Council (WEC), International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the WORLD BANK

(iii) Joint funding and publication of

- *Guidelines for Good Safety Practice in the LP Gas Industry*, UNEP I WLPGA (1998)

- *West Africa LPG Market Development Study*, WORLD BANK I WLPGA (2001)

(iv) Information packages for WLPGA member organisations:

- LP Gas Maritime Transport and the HNS Convention with IMO

- Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol with UNFCCC

**V. Participation in United Nations and specialized agencies meetings**

- January 1998, Geneva - UNECE, Working Party on Gas

- October 1998, Paris - UNEP, Industrial Associations Consultative Meeting

- November 1998 - UNIDO, Meeting with Mr. Carlos Margarinos, Director General

- December 1998, Sweden - UNEP Coordination Meeting of APELL Programme

- May 1999, London - IMO, HNS Convention, Meeting with the Secretary General

- September 1999 - UNEP, Industrial Associations Consultative Meeting

- January 2000, Geneva - UNECE, Working Party on Gas

- February 2000, Washington - WORLD BANK Oil & Gas Forum

- April 2000, Washington - WORLD BANK Energy Week: Participation of WLPGA Managing Director Mr. Emmanuel Chantelot as speaker and panellist

- June 2000 - Meeting with NGO DPI officers regarding the ECOSOC activities

- September 2000 -- UNEP Industrial Associations Meeting

- November 2000 - UNECE Sustainable Energy Communications

Besides participating in the above mentioned meetings, WLPGA executive officers held regular meetings throughout 1997-2000 with senior staff of UNEP, UNEP/APELL, UNIDO, UNECE, IMO, UNFCCC Secretariat, WORLD BANK.

1. APELL: Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at Local Level, a programme developed by UNEP

2. IMO HNS Convention: International Maritime Organisation's International Convention, on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996